

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 26 - 55 are pending.

A supplemental amendment was mailed September 2, 2003, along with an IDS submission of U.S. Pat. Publ. No. US 2003/0098939. It appears the supplemental amendment was not received in time to be considered in the instant Office action. The amendments made therein are therefore withdrawn and are reintroduced in the instant response.

A restriction requirement was made to elect from Group A claims 1 - 17, Group B claims 18 and 19, and Group C claims 20 - 25.

Group C claims 20 - 25 are elected for further prosecution.

Group A claims 1 - 17 and Group B claims 18 and 19 are canceled without prejudice. It is understood that the canceled claims can be pursued in a subsequent application filed during the pendency of the instant application.

As for the elected Group C claims 20 - 25, these claims are drawn to a liquid crystal display as shown in the illustrative embodiment of Fig. 14. Claims 20 - 25 have been canceled and claims 26 - 55 have been added. Independent claims 26 and 38, and their respective dependent claims, also are directed to aspects of the invention as exemplified in the illustrative embodiment shown in Fig. 14.

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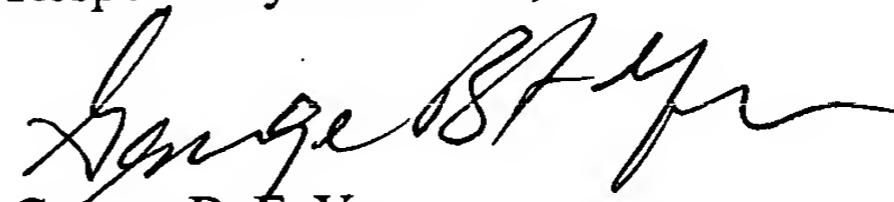
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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